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Allen - Scott Report**Some Lobbyists Are Exposed
But Fulbright Ignores JFK Aids**

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Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright is manifesting a curious blind spot. In his headlining investigation of lobbyists for foreign interests.

While consciously exposing some, the Arkansas Democrat is carefully bypassing others now holding high office in the Kennedy Administration.

Foremost among them is Undersecretary George Ball, Number two official in the State Department.

Records on file in the Justice Department show that between 1950 and 1956, Ball received hundreds of thousands of dollars as the registered lobbyist for Cuban and Venezuelan organizations then controlled by very dictators—Fulgencio Batista of Cuba and Perez Jimenez of Venezuela.

Jimenez currently is in Federal custody in a Miami jail fighting a deportation order.

Despite this indisputable documentary evidence, Fulbright has yet to ask Ball a single question about his lobbying operations while indirectly in the pay of dictators Batista and Jimenez.

Fulbright also has yet to interrogate other high-placed New Frontiersmen who have Justice Department records as registered foreign lobbyists.

THE SOLICITOUS ignoring of Ball's lobbying activities is particularly intriguing in view of the fact that he was the first with a summons from Fulbright. In an editorial, Fulbright opened his probe with Ball.

"The match was sold to a lobbyist; and I think there was not one word about Ball in the press. From the report of this hearing, no one would ever know that he was the Undersecretary of State, had been a high-placed lobbyist."



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Ball spontaneously announced the State Department was taking a "hard look" at the lobbyist problem, although he continued to pass the buck primarily up to the Justice Department in enforcing the law regarding them. Fulbright heavily implied Ball "You should share this responsibility."

To that Ball argued, "We have not found that the activities of foreign agents present any serious problems in foreign policy formulation. The State Department and its personnel do not constitute the major direct target for these activities."

Ball did agree with Fulbright, "It is not very flattering to the United States for foreign governments to conclude that bribery, a lobbyist is the only way to get things done in Washington."

There was no mention by Fulbright or Ball of the latter's extensive lobbyist associations to date except that:

RECORDS IN THE Justice Department to which Fulbright has repeatedly referred reveal that between 1950 and 1956 Ball collected more than \$433,000 as the registered lobbyist of Cuban and Venezuelan organizations.

During those years the two countries were under the iron-fisted rule of Batista and Jimenez. Indirectly, Ball was in their camp.

According to the Justice Department's registration files — based on data submitted by Ball himself—he received upwards of \$200,000 from the Cuban Sugar Council — making him the all-time highest-paid foreign sugar lobbyist.

From November 1950 to August 1952, Ball's law firm got more than \$167,000 from the Venezuelan Chamber of Commerce.

While Fulbright is ignoring Ball's foreign lobbyist work, it was once sent to a Senate committee. This was last in December 1955, as a special committee headed by Sen. John McClellan D-Ark. who had taken issue during a number of hard-hitting probes, ranging from Senator Mike James' D-Ill. to a charged D. C. Scofield.